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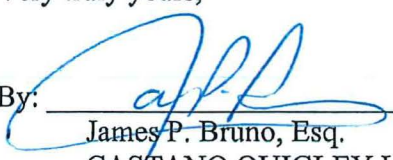
*Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment – In Hudson and Essex
Counties, New Jersey AB-290 (Sub-No. 408X)*

Dear Sir/Madam:

Our firm is legal counsel to the Town of Kearny (the "Town"), Hudson County, New Jersey. We are writing with regard to the proposal by Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") to abandon an approximately 8.6 mile rail line (the "Line") that runs directly through long established residential neighborhoods in the Town of Kearny.

The Town of Kearny has in the past had issues with the inactive rail line, including maintenance of the Line (overgrowth and debris) and security issues. The Town is concerned that the abandonment of the Line could exacerbate these maintenance and security concerns, particular if the Line is sold to a party who does not agree to maintain the area and provide security that protects the residential neighborhoods. Accordingly, the Town must conditionally object to the abandonment of the Line and respectfully requests that arrangements are put in place regarding maintenance and security before final action is taken with respect to the abandonment and sale of the Line.

Very truly yours,

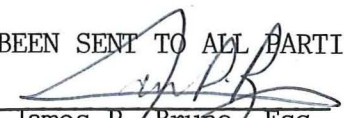
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